

and balanced method of initial approval and operational evaluation.

Please work to make this a bi-partisan effort as political preference has absolutely nothing to do with what is needed. Respectfully submitted.

LESLIE WANNALL,
Huntington Beach, California.

As a result of the recent opening of a detox sober living home in my neighborhood, my family has experienced many negative consequences. Last week, my teenage son heard noises outside his bedroom window and discovered two members of the sober living home were cooking heroin on the back of his car, shooting up and attempting to sell heroin. The amount of traffic on our street from people cruising by the home all night long keeps our family up at night. Many nights there are helicopters overhead for several hours, which also affects our sleep. In addition, this home has two pit bulls that have been outside off leash, barking angrily at all who walk by. These dogs are left outside in the backyard and bark all night. We have seen camera footage of members of this home breaking into my neighbors' homes. This particular home, [REDACTED], is run by an ex-convict as a 10-bed facility when the law states 6 beds is the maximum allowed in a residential area. Down the street is a middle school. It is unacceptable and unsafe to have this type of home in our neighborhood. Several neighbors are choosing to move but we shouldn't have to move to maintain our safety and quality of life. I implore you to please take this matter seriously. In addition, if people are truly seeking to detox from drugs and alcohol, this is not a suitable environment to support sobriety.

Thank you for your consideration,
SHELLEY BUKER,
Huntington Beach, California.

HONORING JEREMIAH DAVID THORNTON, JR.

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeremiah Thornton, Jr. Jeremiah is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 333, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jeremiah has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jeremiah has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jeremiah has become a Fire Builder in the tribe Mic-o-Say. Jeremiah has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jeremiah refurbished a house in Parkville that is used during the Christmas season for Santa to meet with children.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jeremiah for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF VIRGIL RYALS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Virgil Ryals. Mr. Ryals is a Korean War veteran who served the United States of America honorably.

Virgil was born in Winters, California, and his family later relocated to Chowchilla.

After graduating from Chowchilla High, he joined the U.S. Army in January 1951. Completing his basic training at Fort Ord, Virgil was assigned to a unit with the 6th Army. In the summer of 1951, he sojourned with his Army companions to Pusan, South Korea where he joined the 1st Cavalry Division. Shortly afterward he was assigned to Company C of the 7th Cavalry, the infamous "Garry Owen" regiment once led by George Armstrong Custer.

Virgil was assigned to a radio section of Headquarters Company where he received and transmitted vitally important intelligence to embattled Army units. Virgil's hard work and quick learning was quickly noticed by his superiors, and Virgil was soon promoted to head the section. In October 1951, Virgil's communicators kept all units in contact when a Chinese counterattack threatened to overrun the regiment.

Virgil served on occupation duty in Japan until December 1952, when he returned home on leave to visit his family. At the end of his leave, Virgil and his family were involved in a tragic car accident which claimed the life of both his parents. Virgil, suffering from two broken legs, a broken elbow and numerous other injuries, was not expected to live. But, for the next eleven months, Virgil underwent several procedures at Letterman's Hospital where he fought to recover.

In November 1953, Corporal Virgil Ryals was honorably discharged from the United States Army. For his service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Virgil worked as a dairyman and farmer until 1959 when he accepted a position at the Chowchilla Post Office, where he worked for thirty-one years. Mention the name of Virgil Ryals to virtually anyone in Chowchilla and they will know the congenial, chatty, helpful postal worker who helped generations of Chowchillans.

His wife, Eva, passed away in 1999. They raised two beautiful children and have one grandchild. Virgil is a Life Member of Chowchilla VFW Post 9896, American Legion Post 148, and a member of St. Columba Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the service of Virgil Ryals for his dedication to his family and his country.

HONORING 2018 BARROW COUNTY REACH RECIPIENTS

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Dylan Ceraso, Jeanna Presley, Alejandro Tovar-Villagomez, and Morgan Watkins for being selected as 2018 REACH Scholars for Barrow County, Georgia.

Standing for "Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen," this needs-based mentorship and college scholarship program provides opportunity for academically-promising students from their eighth grade year through high school. In addition to remaining in high academic standing, students are required to meet with a mentor and maintain good attendance. Upon graduation from high school and successful completion of the program, the student is awarded a \$10,000 scholarship toward the cost of any HOPE-eligible institution in Georgia.

These REACH Georgia scholars are our future. Georgia has made a commitment to awarding those in need who demonstrate a high level of merit—an investment that will increase our workforce and grow our economy. I'm proud that we take these steps to ensure a brighter future for our children, our state, and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I expect great things from each of these special young scholars, and on behalf of Georgia's 10th Congressional District, I offer them my congratulations and wish them continued success.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY PRESS

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Syracuse University Press. Located at on the edge of Syracuse University's campus, the Syracuse University Press has been imperative to the strength and academic rigor of Syracuse University.

Founded by William P. Tolley and Thomas J. Watson in 1943, the Syracuse University Press is committed to promoting diverse cultural and intellectual expression, as well as preserving the history, literature, and culture of our region. Syracuse University Press emphasizes publications on the history, culture, and people of New York State, as well as works on Irish Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Peace Studies, Television and Popular Culture, Literature in Translation. As a recipient of the NEH/Mellon Open Book Program grant, Syracuse University Press has the unique ability to make out-of-print humanities books available again by re-creating them as free, open access e-books.

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